

CONSERVATION COMMISSION POLICY POSITIONS

Title	General Description	Date
Burning Off Field Residue of Agricultural Crops	WSCC recommends to regulatory agencies that permits for burning field residue be granted only when it is necessary for pest and production control and based on the merits of individual cases approved by conservation district boards.	1975
Wild, Scenic, And Recreational River Designations	WSCC supports federal and state legislative designation of certain rivers or segments of rivers as wild, scenic, and recreational river designations. Supports adequate studies of the short-term and long-term effects prior to designation.	1975
Prime Agricultural, Range, Horticulture, and Forest Land	WSCC support of public efforts that would protect prime and unique agricultural, range, horticulture and forest lands against indiscriminate conversion to non-farm uses.	1975
Land Use Policy and Legislation	WSCC to support adoption of federal and state land use policy and planning legislation that will encourage and assist local governments to exercise their responsibility for planning and management of land resources based upon careful analysis of the land itself.	1975
Relationship of Conservation Commission to the Department of Ecology	Independent agency of state government and free of program control of the Department of Ecology or any other state agency.	1975
Navy Bombing Range Location in Douglas County	WSCC supports the efforts of the Douglas County conservation districts to oppose the location of a Navy bombing range in Douglas County.	1975
Coordinated Resource Planning	WSCC support Coordinated Resource Planning as the approach that best meets the needs and the responsibilities of the land user and public land agencies when such lands intermingle.	1975
Consolidating Conservation District in Multi-District Counties	Advantages of single-county conservation districts	Sept. 21, 1978
Forestry	WSCC recognizes the important role forestry plays in the economy of the State and recognizes the responsibilities lie primarily with the nonindustrial private woodlot owners.	Jan. 20, 1977
Emergency Policy Position and Action Plan	Emergency and Action plan. <i>Doesn't really look to be completed.</i>	July 7, 1981
Stream Corridor Management	WSCC recognizes the continuing deterioration of resources within Washington's stream corridors. The Commission will pursue development of MOUs with appropriate federal and state agencies. Assess stream corridor management, accelerate stream corridor management in short and long range plans. Encourage legislation and agency policies that promote improved stream corridor management. Improve communication between agencies and land users and managers.	Nov. 29, 1984
The Role of Conservation Districts (Food Security Act Policy Position)	The Role of Conservation Districts (Food Security Act Policy Position)	Sept. 24, 1987
Service Forestry Program	Active partner in the development and implementation of service forestry programs. Commitment in future service forestry programs.	Sept. 15, 1988
Forest Stewardship Program/	America The Beautiful Program Coordination with stewardship. Support and participation.	July 19, 1990
Tri-State Conservation Commission Resolution	Tri-state Conservation Commission resolution provides support for the conservation districts, state commissions, Soil Conservation Service, and Cooperative Extension.	June 11, 1992
Criteria for Rating Farmlands of Statewide Importance	Determination of agricultural lands of statewide importance. Definition of "Farmlands", Prime or Unique Farmland or other farmland that appropriate state or local government agencies determine to be of statewide importance. Reapproved January 1985 Revised version ??? Original version?	March 19, 1992
Field Burning of Turf and Field Grasses for Seed Production	WSCC recognizes the regulatory responsibility of the regulatory responsibility of the Environmental Protection Agency, local air pollution control authorities and the Department of Ecology to secure and maintain such levels of air quality. The Commission opposes unnecessary field burning of greases for seed production and to assist and encourage CDs in such a manner that districts will provide land users and regulatory agencies with the best technical recommendations available.	Revised to include Stubble and Agricultural Burning
Nonpoint Pollution and Regulatory Issues	WSCC accepts leadership role of the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Ecology to control non point sources of pollution to meet the 1983 and 1985 goals and assist and guide CDs.	Sept. 18, 1992
Water Quality Enforcement Actions	Demonstrates the formal support of WSCC to Ecology in taking necessary enforcement action against farmers who willfully refuse to comply with the conservation districts efforts to improve and protect the surface and ground waters of the state.	Jan. 20, 1994
Total Quality Management Policy	WSCC is committed to meeting the expectations of internal and external customers through trust, teamwork and respect for individual, community, and organizational differences.	May 20, 1993